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Not without a fight

Airport neighbour won't give up his treetops

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

A Dysart et al property owner whose cottage borders the Stanhope Airport says he's unhappy with Algonquin Highlands's plan to top old-growth trees on his property and he does not intend to co-operate with the township.

Andrew Kuzyk owns 3.5 acres of land that abut the airport along its eastern boundary and is one of a handful of area property owners whose trees must be topped to allow for the operation of the township's planned crosswind runway.

"I'm frustrated with the process," Kuzyk said last week, explaining that while he had attended the public meeting concerning the airport expansion in the fall, his questions had not been answered.

Kuzyk had wanted to know what rights Algonquin Highlands had over his property, since he is not a taxpayer in the township.

While there is a legal process the township can take to access trees

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That's entertainment!

Ava Allaire, left, and Jasmine Jawanda celebrate Minden's sesquicentennial at the Minden Figure Skating Club carnival on the weekend. See page 11 for more photos.

Limberfest coming to Minden

by STEVE GALEA
Special to the Times

Timberfest might not be held this year, but Limberfest, which makes its debut at Minden's Rotary Park on July 1st through to the 4, is here to stay. At least that's what Committee Chairperson Nat Trouatall hopes.

Touted as a one-of-a-kind festival that is a celebration of all things limber, the new event hopes

to draw yoga enthusiasts from all over Canada and the U.S. Its motto, "Limberfest, it's quite a stretch!" recognizes that this festival has not yet achieved mainstream appeal.

"Despite the fact that this is new to most people, we think it's going to be great," said Trouatall, perhaps North America's most unrelenting promoter of the yoga sports. "The whole festival will centre around

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Budget impact worries realtors

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

Realtors in the county are worried that last week's provincial budget will have a negative effect on their industry.

The budget, introduced in Queen's Park on March 26, will harmonize the five per cent GST with Ontario's eight per cent PST, meaning that items and services once exempt from PST will become more expensive.

New homes and homes costing more than \$400,000 are on this list, as are realtor commissions, home inspections and other fees associated with the buying and selling of property.

This will be bad for business, according to local realtors.

"We're very concerned," said Vince Duchene, broker of record for Remax Haliburton Highlands Realty Ltd.

"It just another thing we have to fight."

Duchene said it's bad enough explaining to potential buyers how much a new home would cost once GST is tacked on.

"You add in the PST now and it's ridiculous," he said. "I can just see the fight coming."

Duchene said Remax realtors in the county, as well as others

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PARTY!

It's time for Minden to start celebrating its 150th birthday. Story page 5.

IN BRIEF

Board meetings of the Trillium Lakelands District School Board will continue to be webcast live on the board's website. While questions about how many people actually watch the webcasts and concerns about audio and video quality have been raised since the webcasts started earlier this year, directors decided to keep the program alive.

IN QUOTES

"I heard a humongous thump on the side of the cottage. I surmise the bear took a run at it."

Pete Chambers
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Earth Day speaker turns crisis into innovation

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

Wondering how to find your way out of these economically challenging times or hoping to evolve your business so it is better suited for a globally changing economy?

A workshop at R.D. Lawrence Place on April 24 may have the answers you are seeking. International speaker and award-winning author Jennifer Morgan will give a workshop on ways to turn crisis into innovation.

The workshop will focus on how to embrace change and thrive in world economy that is in transition.

It will run from 8:30 a.m. to noon. Admission is \$35.

Morgan is also being featured at an family-oriented Earth Day celebration at Fleming College in Haliburton. Look for details in an upcoming edition of *Weekender*.

Yogi Bear's moves add unique local twist to Limberfest

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ways to make you more flexible, both physically, spiritually, and mentally. Who wouldn't want that?"

Though Rotary Park will be filled with a host of interactive events and booths, the highlight of the festival is, without a doubt, the International Crabscooting Competition – a prestigious sporting event that is, for the first time, leaving mainland Asia.

"If you've never heard of the competitive Crabscooting, it seems unbelievably ridiculous," said Trouatall. "But the sport is actually quite difficult and requires athletic skill, mental toughness, and absolute determination. Essentially, competitors must touch their toes to the opposite ear while crab scooting toward a finish line 100 metres distant. Any break in contact, no matter how brief, between ear and toe is cause for elimination. It's really quite beautiful and exciting to watch."

All beauty and excitement aside, Trouatall says that the gruelling event is one of the most popular and fastest growing sports in India, even though it is virtually unknown in North America.

"They take it very seriously over there. Last year, India's leading crabscooter was banned from the sport for life, after testing positive for Crazy Glue on his big toes. It was a national scandal that almost toppled their government."

He believes that spectators will also be intrigued by the first-ever North American Full Contact Tai Chi tournament that promises to draw competitors from as far away as New Jersey. "It's kind of slow and peaceful, but the last person standing wins. A good bout will last 90 minutes."

Minden's local connection is none other than Bart Hilhorst. Though most people here know him as a local bear expert, few realize that he is also a registered Yogi.

"I've been studying yoga for eight years now and last winter I had the opportunity to travel to India to meet my mentor Maharishi Boubou, who I took my online yoga instruction with. He reviewed my technique, taught me the

seven missing secrets, handed me my diploma, and then welcomed me in as a full-fledged Yogi."

Now known to some as Yogi Bear, Hilhorst plans to bring the healthy activity to central Ontario.

"It's really one of those things you have to experience," he says. "The first time I placed my left ankle under my right armpit I was euphoric for three days."

Hilhorst, who practises yoga each day prior to work, says its teachings help him in every day life too.

"Sometimes, when I run into a particularly aggressive bear, I focus my positive energy on it and assume the Wilting Lotus position or maybe even the Trembling Leaf. For some reason, this calms them right down, but only if they are spiritually centred to begin with."

Trouatall says everyone, whether a yoga practitioner or not, is welcome and notes that the whole festival will have a "karma-val-like atmosphere. We'll actually encourage our staff to reward acts of kindness. On the other hand, if someone is being a jerk, they'll get theirs too."

Special interactive seminars will be on-hand for those who are not nearly as limber as the yoga practitioners. Participant will be taught rudimentary stretching, and there will even be a medieval rack on hand for those who need gentle mechanical assistance.

"A lot of people associate the rack with the Spanish Inquisition but like any machine it has the potential for good too," says Trouatall. "Our operator is a highly trained professional and paramedics will be on hand."

There are also seminars on playing the air sitar, transcendental meditation, dental meditation (in which participants are taught to meditate on the importance of teeth), as well as a celebration of herbal teas.

"This is very much about spreading the word; if we can show one person the light, we have succeeded," says Hilhorst. "We're going to bend over backwards to make this a success – literally."

When asked about the event, one Minden Hills councillor replied, "Unfortunately, we lost Timberfest this year. But when Limberfest came along, we realized that we could save countless dollars by just changing one letter in all of our promotional material and signage. We couldn't say the same about the other festivals that were trying to woo us."

For more information about Limberfest, contact the *Minden Times* at 705-286-1288 on April 1.

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Chad Ingram/TIMES

Two of Dorothy and Pete Chambers's birdfeeders were ransacked recently by a hungry black bear. The metal pole that holds up this birdfeeder was badly bent and had to be repaired, Pete said.

Spring must be here - hungry bears are back

by JENN WATT
Times Staff

Dorothy Chambers woke late Friday night after hearing a commotion outside her Mountain Lake cottage.

She walked into the adjoining room to see her husband Pete sitting on the side of the bed holding a can of pepper spray.

A black bear, bigger than Pete had ever seen, had been scouring the property for food. It raided the bird feeders and slammed into the side of the house.

"I heard a humongous thump on the side of the cottage," Pete said. He got up, walked to the kitchen and saw that the hanging bird feeder had fallen down.

"I surmise the bear took a run at it" and collided with the outside wall.

"She chewed it to bits," he said.

Pete then went to the front of the cottage and turned on the light to see the bear

bending the metal pole of his six-foot-tall feeder. "She bent the thing down like it was a pretzel," he said.

Pete hadn't had many run-ins with bears before, besides seeing them at the landfill, and smacked the side of the house to scare it away.

"She just looked at me like, what's your problem?" he said.

Pete only had a can of pepper spray to defend himself if the bear was to come into the house, but he said she wasn't interested in him at all. In fact, she simply moseyed away after finding no bird feed to eat.

The next day Pete and Dorothy found out that a neighbour - Haliburton Echo columnist Ross Jarvis - had left a can of garbage outside, which the bear had been attracted to. She had apparently opened the can and scattered the garbage everywhere. That is likely why she bothered visiting the Chambers at all.

They also found paw prints on the hood of Pete's car.

The couple had heard stories about bears in the area before. There is a wild raspberry patch in the woods behind their property that was "almost flattened" last fall by bears and Jarvis had some bear visits because of raspberries he used to grow on his property.

"I think they know the territory," Pete laughed.

The Ministry of Natural Resources says that when you encounter a bear you should make lots of noise and not run. They also advise using pepper spray if you are confronted with an aggressive bear. Generally bears are not interested in harming humans and are of no threat. To find out more about preventing bears on your property and what to do if you see a bear, go to www.ontario.ca/bearwise or call 1-866-514-2327 to report a bear problem.

County says no to burning garbage

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

County councillors have trashed the idea of putting a Kearns Disintegration System in Haliburton County, at least for now.

At a meeting March 25, councillors voted against adopting the waste disposal technology, which, according to its inventor, burns garbage at a much higher temperature than regular incinerators and can reduce the volume of garbage by 83 per cent.

John Kearns, a Nova-Scotia based businessman, made a presentation promoting his product to councillors and staff members from throughout the county on March 9.

While Kearns had referenced a pilot project in Peel Region that was exploring the technology, calls from municipal staff here to municipal staff in Peel revealed the project had not yet gotten off the ground.

Kearns says the ministry can grant approval for his systems based only on site-specific plans, which means a township would have to agree to the project and start the planning process before a government environmental assessment could be performed.

In the case of Peel Region, Kearns said he had offered to build the facility out of his own pocket to demonstrate to the municipality the technology's effectiveness.

The facility has not yet been built. "If in fact this thing does work in Peel Region, I think it's worth looking at," Dysart et al Reeve Murray Fearrey said.

"I don't think there's anything to do until that time," Algonquin Highlands Reeve Eleanor Harrison agreed. The issue of landfill expansion is a tender one for the county's four townships, since the area's rocky and lake-filled terrain can make expansion difficult.

Councillors decided that Kearns's system would have to be an accepted method of waste disposal by the ministry before the county would consider installing a disintegrator.



Sue Ferren's Grade 5 class try to minimize their energy consumption on a weekly basis.

Archie Stouffer students do their part

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

The lights went out at Archie Stouffer Elementary School last week as students and staff celebrated Earth Hour.

While the global event, which encourages energy conservation by asking people to flick off their lights and electronics for an hour, actually took place last Saturday night, the school held its own hour of no power from 2 to 3 p.m. on March 27.

And while some students may have found the absence of fluorescent lights peculiar, it was business as usual for the Grade 5 class of Sue Ferren, Archie Stouffer's eco-school

co-ordinator.

"We try to use natural light when we can," Ferren said, adding at that even on the cloudiest of days, only one or two of her classroom's five rows of lights will be switched on.

"We are trying to send the message to kids that it shouldn't be just be one day, it should be every day."

Ferren was happy all of the school's classes were participating in the exercise and she hoped students would pick up on the true meaning of Earth Hour and begin to exercise environmentally friendly behaviours at home.

Down the hall in Cheryl Patterson's Grade

2 classroom, students had been busy creating Earth Hour posters and sending Earth Hour postcards to Prime Minister Stephen Harper.

"Their level of awareness is great," Patterson said of her students.

Using less light is just one of the ways Minden's public school is attempting to make itself a greener learning environment.

Rather than garbage pails, each of the school's classrooms is outfitted with a small, plastic container no bigger than a water pitcher.

These containers, Ferren explained, are to collect the students' biodegradable waste.

Everything else is recycled.

"We really have minimized our waste," she said.

Ferren's classroom also contains a bin of GOOS (Good On One Side) paper and each day her students forfeit a portion of their free time to collect recycling from the school's other classrooms.

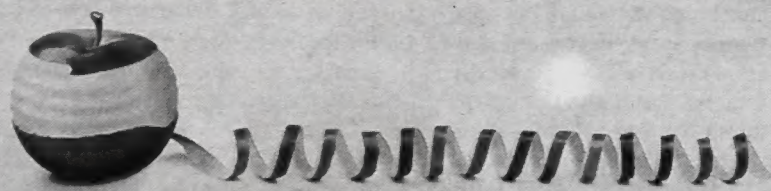
"I'm now indebted to them," she said.

Archie Stouffer, like the rest of the schools in the Trillium Lakelands District School Board, is an "eco-school," meaning its staff and students are constantly striving to become more environmentally efficient.

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Minden, it's your day

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

Happy 150th Minden!
Settled by loggers and miners who braved the rugged weather of the Canadian Shield in search of prosperity and officially incorporated on April 1, 1859, today marks Minden's sesquicentennial anniversary.

A year's worth of celebratory events have been planned by Minden's sesquicentennial organizing committee, beginning with a birthday party to be held at the Minden Hills Cultural Centre today at 11:30 a.m.

Grade 4 students from Archie Stouffer will mail letters to their sister students at Nebraska's Minden Public School using a sesquicentennial stamp that has been designed by the Minden Museum and local politicians will be on hand to cut and serve the birthday cake.

Along with the sesquicentennial stamp, the museum has also had minted a sesquicentennial coin that will be available for purchase throughout the year.

Designed by Autumn Robinson of Autumn Marketing, the souvenir features

the image of Clergy House, Minden's oldest building and the longest standing log structure in the county.

Built in 1853, the Anglican church purchased the house in 1899 (resulting in the name still used today) and Minden Hills Museum curator Carol Simmons says from time to time, weddings and funerals even took place within its walls.

Minden's first museum also began to take shape in the home's dining room in the 1960s, Simmons said.

Overlooking the Gull River from its location on Water Street, Clergy House still operates as a private residence.

The coin's flip side bears the number "150" and Minden's logo, "In Season, Every Season."

Simmons said she is thrilled to be the curator of Minden's museum during this historical time.

"It gives you the whole sense of community," she said.

The coins will be available for sale at the museum and other locations throughout town.

They come in two packages; one for \$10,

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Minden Hills Museum curator Carol Simmons holds up one of the special souvenir coins the museum has had minted in honour of Minden's sesquicentennial anniversary. The coins will be available for purchase throughout the year and are a fundraiser for the Minden Cultural Centre.

with a small postcard containing the story of Minden's history and a second or for \$50, with a plaque featuring a number of photos of Minden's downtown throughout the years.

Sheets of the sesquicentennial stamp, the second in a set of four being issued by the museum, will also be available for \$40.

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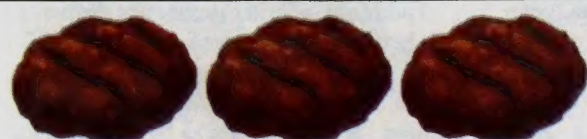
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EDITORIAL COMMENT

Happy Anniversary to Minden and Kinmount

Both communities were officially incorporated on April 1, 1859, which marks today as their respective sesquicentennial anniversaries.

A century and half is quite a milestone for any community to celebrate, let alone two that were forged in the harsh terrain of the Canadian Shield.

Thousands upon thousands of people flock to the area each year to take in its scenic lakes, rocks and forests, and while the region's landscape has become the area's greatest asset and provides a serene backdrop to life here, think of what those lakes, rocks and forests meant for the pioneers who settled the communities of Minden and Kinmount in the 19th century.

Rather than placid puddles on which to water ski and fish, lakes would have been deep and dark obstacles, impassible for any horse or carriage, forcing travellers to take large and presumably unwanted detours.

Rocks... well, it's safe to say the highways ministry had yet to blow out safe corridors for passage through the area's rocky shelves.

And forests.

Forests were not something to be gazed at absently through the passenger window of an air-conditioned sedan. They were looming masses of untouched wilderness full of barbs, bugs and bears. They had to be travelled through and hacked down.

And let's forget the frigid winters, which history shows would have been much more severe than the winters the area sees today.

The people that settled the communities of Minden and Kinmount were driven, brazen and rock-steady men and women.

Brave individuals, really.

The sesquicentennial of the two communities seems like an appropriate time to reflect on the challenges and hardships their settlers had to overcome to lay down roots here.

It also seems like an appropriate time to look at where the communities are today and where they might be 150 years from now.

While they are small communities, Minden and Kinmount are both thriving and vibrant communities, resided in and operated by colourful and hardworking people.

Those from outside of the area may be surprised to learn just how many committees, clubs and non-profit organizations operate in these two communities.

And it is the people who run these groups that will steer these communities well into the 21st century, ensuring that Minden and Kinmount see another 150 years.

Congratulations to the sesquicentennial organizing committees of both communities who have not only organized celebratory events for today, but also a number of events to be held throughout the year.

Chad Ingram



IMAGES OF THE HIGHLANDS

Season ending splash

Photo by Chris Bishop

TO THE EDITOR

Times readers write

Beginning? Or beginning of the end?

To the Editor:

"This is a big project for a municipality of our size, and we're taking things slowly at this point. We're finding out what is needed on the ground before moving forward." — Algonquin Highlands Reeve Eleanor Harrison referring to airport expansion.

Okay, so how big is it, exactly?

One thing that is evident is that the reeve has no idea how big it is.

After years of "planning" and hundreds of thousands of dollars spent Mrs. Harrison states, publicly, "You're almost a little ahead of us," and, "We'll have to figure out how this does take place. We're at the very beginning here" when asked about impacts on surrounding private properties.

Mrs. Harrison expressed the "belief" that

there are two or three properties that could be affected. Drawings from the engineering reports paid for by the township clearly show four properties on Green Lake Road that will require immediate "tree management" (three in the municipality of Dysart et al) and potentially another two near the intersection of Barry Line and Airport Roads.

In addition, a larger number of properties will need to be monitored and accessed for future cutting requirements.

"We" are certainly not at the very beginning, here. We should be approaching an end that ought to consist of dropping a project that its biggest boosters do not seem to understand.

Andy Muirhead
Little Cameron Lake

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Clear as mud

Letter to the Editor:

On page 8 of the March 18 issue of the *Minden Times*, there is a notice saying that the 2009 tax rate will be .00332717, and the 2005 rate was .00422262.

It goes on to state that if you have a property assessed at \$250,000, you will be paying \$223.85 less in taxes in 2009 than you did in 2005. But Minden Hills is telling only part of the story.

The author of this notice neglected to mention three other things.

1. Taxes are always made up of a calculation of the current assessed value of the property x the tax rate (or mill rate) which = property taxes.

2. Since 2005, the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC) has delivered two property assessment increases, one in 2006, and one in 2009. Therefore, a property valued at \$250,000 in 2005 would have had two assessed increases since 2005. (The purpose of the property assessment increases by MPAC is an attempt to have all properties assessed at their fair, and hopefully current, market value.)

3. They are discussing only the Minden Hills portion of your tax bill. The county and education parts are still to come.

My island lakefront property was assessed in 2005 at \$160,000 and in 2006 at \$223,000, a 39 per cent increase. In 2009, it was assessed at \$312,000, another 40 per cent increase. However, to ease the blow of this second increase so soon, MPAC has spread the increase in 2009 over four years in equal amounts, in my case adding \$22,250 per year to the value of my property. This results in the following: 2009 value - \$245,250; 2010 value - \$267,500; 2011 value - \$289,750 and 2012 value - \$312,000.

Applying the correct calculation to establish my taxes, including the necessary current property assessments, would increase my taxes by \$140.37 from 2005 to 2009. It does not decrease them, as one would be lead to believe from the notice which includes no increased assessments.

Interestingly, when my property assessment went up 39 per cent in 2006, my taxes only increased 4.89 per cent over 2005. However, using the new 2009 tax rate, and my new assessment for 2009 of \$245,240, my taxes will increase 12.66 per cent over what I paid in 2008.

There are three other noteworthy issues.

1. The Township of Minden Hills enjoys all the benefit of the additional taxes paid resulting from increased property assessments.

2. The county and education tax rates are not included in these property tax calculations. Those are still to come for 2009.

3. Your property assessment will be increasing every year for the next three years as per MPAC's direction.

Moral of the story: don't be tricked by Minden Hills's official looking notices.

Shelley Houser
Minden Hills

IN OTHER WORDS

Columns and Letters to the Editor

Skewer mouth

This morning, about at about 6:30, I sat down with my coffee and started browsing the Internet for something interesting to comment on. Instead, I found a photo of a man with a big metal skewer running through his mouth, from one cheek through the other actually. The caption suggested that this was part of a religious ceremony of celebration. I didn't read any further.

Look, I've got nothing against religion. In fact, I believe that religion is a good thing, provided it hasn't been twisted by extremism and politics. Having said that, if my religious leaders came up to me and said, "Okay Steve, we're going to celebrate our religion today, so I'd like you to put this big metal skewer through your head," I believe I might nod politely and then begin the process of looking for a newer, less skewer-oriented religion.

I know, I know, we're supposed to suffer for our beliefs every now and then. And I will concede that a bit of fasting might be a fine way to relate to the suffering of others, especially since many of us could stand to miss a meal or two anyhow. It's the skewering that I draw the line at.

Call me crazy, but ever since I was a child, I have had an aversion to being skewered.

I suppose my stance on this issue is not all

that controversial. I have never, in fact, met anyone who is vehemently pro-skewering. But if this were to ever happen, I believe I might actually win the debate.



BEYOND 35

Steve Galea

Don't get me wrong; I'm not trying to set myself up as the champion of the anti-skewering position. I'm actually a bit of a moderate when it comes to this sort of thing. I don't see the harm in earrings or other reasonable piercings, for instance. I just wouldn't have one myself.

If, for some strange reason, however, I felt

the undeniable need to wear a nipple ring, I'd probably just glue or tape it on. That just seems like a more reasonable approach to me.

At this point many of you are probably thinking that I'm being a bit narrow-minded about this whole skewering issue. I will grant you that I enter the debate with a bit of a bias, but I have tried very hard to see the other side of the issue. I am nothing if not fair.

My major concern is that skewering is a gateway activity that leads to more serious things such as impaling.

So what's wrong with a little recreational impaling? Well, it's not the impaling; it's the low lifes that you have to deal with to get impaled. I mean, let's face it, Vlad the Impaler wasn't exactly a nice guy. I think we can all agree on this.

Anyhow, to get back to the main point, I believe I'd put my health and wellbeing before any ritual that might possibly create new and unwanted holes in me, whether religious or not. In that sense, I guess I'm not much of a team player.

A religious scholar might try to convince me otherwise, but I guarantee he wouldn't get through.

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I slide for no one

If you are reading this column, it means I somehow sneaked it by the editor of this newspaper, who always takes the side of my houseman Neil.

Each year at this time of year, adjutant Neil gets so busy with his silly maple trees that he forgets to write his column and then Martha asks me to write it for him.

Neil and Martha would rather pretend that he remembered to ask me in advance, but he never has, and I'm getting pretty tired of faking it.

You see, today is the most important day of the year for dogs, my species' version of your Christmas, the day we call April Fools' Day to celebrate the uselessness of our human associates.

I should be slaving over a hot stove, roasting squirrels with scone stuffing and heating up mulled mud puddles, which are a real delicacy this early in the year, but I've laid aside my oven mitts and apron.

Instead, I'm slaving over a hot laptop. Not so much slaving over, actually, as swiping at the keyboard as I glide by on Neil's office chair. Come to think of it, that is pretty much how Neil writes, too, but he gets paid for it, if you can imagine that.

I suspect he even gets paid when I do the writing, which is just one of the items that have embroiled Neil and I in a rancorous labour dispute.

Next week the Independent Order of Canines Excessively Obsequious (CEOs) will be asking for binding arbitration, but we've taken down

our picket lines out of respect for the holidays.

(A couple of weeks ago, I had to move the picket line so the chickadees, who have a union of their own and are sympathetic to my cause,



BACK OF BEYOND

The Brown Dog Jiggs

could get at the bird feeder. They are in a dispute of their own with the squirrels' union, but that's their problem.)

So what you are about to read is not so much a column as a partisan piece of propaganda that would make even Jack Layton blush, if he could. At the end of it, you will have no doubt about my point of view, which is more than can be said for most of Neil's columns.

The question of payment is a minor issue, as I am in charge of cash flow in our household anyhow and all of the money comes to me in the end.

We have several more important issues to sort out, the chief of which is the laminate floor. Stacked against the woodshed wall are placards saying, "No More Laminate", "I'm Nobody's Slider", and "Why Not A Rug?"

Neil says broadloom would be inappropriate for a cabin in the woods, to which I say "Woof."

The floor is a safety issue that I also intend to take up with the health police. If you don't like crossing a slippery surface on two legs, imagine how it feels to have four legs go out from under you all at the same time. Not that that has ever happened to me, but it might.

Neil should be more willing to compromise. If I'm willing to let him put his bed in the room where I sleep, the least he could do when I get thirsty in the middle of the night is escort me safely across that slippery floor from my bedroom to my water dish in my kitchen. And back.

The worst part is Neil's rudeness. When I get up in the middle of the night and woof for a drink, he says "Aw, shut up" and tries to ignore me.

And after I've had a nice, long drink, and he has had a good half hour to calm down and go back to sleep, when I woof for a walk back, he says things I am too well-bred to repeat here.

I've had it with that floor. I'm mad as, um, heck and I'm not going to take it any more.

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PST on home sales is 'a cash grab'

from page 1

throughout the province, are writing letters to their MPPs, asking that provisions applying to the real estate industry be overturned.

"It's a cash grab," Duchene said. "They're trying to tax the largest single asset that anyone has."

"It's another tax," said Andrew Hodgson

of Century 21, adding that he's sure an increased consumer tax will be on the minds of potential homebuyers as they look to purchase a new home.

Last year was a fairly dismal year for real estate sales in the county and across much of the country and Hodgson said he's trying to remain optimistic that 2009 will be different.

Anthony van Lieshout, owner of the Lakes



Chad Ingram/TIMES

Local realtors are concerned that the provincial budget's proposal to charge PST on property sales will hurt sales.

of Haliburton Royal LePage brokerage, said he thinks that PST on realtor commissions and home inspections are where consumers are really going to get "dinged."

However, van Lieshout is confident there will be enough outcries from the real estate industry and from consumers that the PST to be added to the purchase price of homes

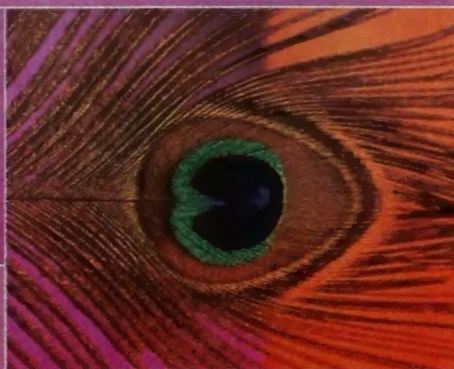
will be revoked.

"There will be a lobby," he said. "At the end of the day, is the consumer going to accept an extra \$50,000 [on the purchase price of a home]?"

The tax harmonization is scheduled to take effect on July 1, 2010.

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Scott criticizes, Johnson defends budget

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

Former MPP Laurie Scott says the budget the provincial government passed on March 26 represents the wrong economic strategy and will end up hurting Ontario's taxpayers.

The budget, which harmonized the five per cent GST with Ontario's eight per cent PST, means consumer items that were previously exempt from PST will end up costing more.

These items and services range from new homes to books to fast food to funerals.

"It's a big tax grab at an inappropriate time and consumers are going to feel the punch," Scott said, referencing the current recession and adding that many area residents are already in dire economic straits.

The Liberals say the budget will mean a tax reduction for 93 per cent of Ontarians, resulting from personal income tax decreases and payments the government will be hand-

ing out to families to help them deal with the consumer tax increases.

MPP Rick Johnson, a Liberal, said he was worried that these increases would disadvantage some people, but because the province is also giving out tax relief cheques at the same time, the plan is sound.

"My concern was that there will be a number of [things that] will be taxed that weren't taxed before [and] what kind of protections do we have who can least afford that?" he said.

"On top of the Ontario child benefit, which is increasing this year, the \$260 a month that they're talking about for the neediest families per person [will] help offset the cost of the PST ... [In addition,] the \$1,000 payments that are going to help people transition to the new tax," he said.

Scott didn't agree that the plan won't cost people more money. She feels the extra consumer tax will outweigh any money the government will be giving back to taxpayers.

"They're not going to be getting that much."

Depending on their marital and socioeconomic status,

Ontarians will be receiving between \$300 and \$1,000 to help with the transition to higher consumer taxes.

Scott referred to this as, "bribing taxpayers with their own money."

The former MPP also slammed the provincial Liberals for the unprecedented \$14-billion deficit the province will run this year.

While the federal Conservatives also recently presented a huge budget, deficit-laden budget, Scott said that was different.

"I trust them that will be a temporary measure," she said, adding she feared deficit spending would become habit for the McGuinty Liberals.

Scott is now chief of staff for acting PC leader Bob Runciman as well as the party's election readiness chair.

She vacated her seat as MPP for Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock on January 9 to allow former PC leader John Tory a chance at carrying the riding. Tory lost the March 5 byelection to Johnson and is stepping down as leader.

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Museum Grounds 11:30AM-1PM
- April 3 Cemetery Board Meeting at Community Centre 10:00 AM
- April 4 Poet Trees contest award winners announced and readings at RDLP 11:30 a.m.
- April 9 Committee of the Whole, Council Chambers 9AM
- April 22 Earth Day Celebration at RDLP-Noon - 5 pm
- April 30 Council, Council Chambers 9AM
- July 10-12 Haliburton County Sportsman Show



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April 22 Earth Day at RDLP-Noon - 5 pm

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SUMMER STUDENT EMPLOYMENT

The Community Services Department is hiring summer student labourers for our Parks Division. Candidates must be planning to return to school in September and should have experience in grounds maintenance work. Wage is \$9.50 per hour for 40 hour work weeks. The normal work schedule will include Saturday and Sunday shifts. Green patch footwear and a criminal reference check must be supplied. Please state in your application when you would be able to start work.

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Rick Cox, Director of Community Services

Township of Minden Hills

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SUMMER STUDENT EMPLOYMENT Minden Hills Cultural Centre

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Culture Club Coordinator/Events Assistant, Minden Hills Cultural Centre (30 - 35 hrs/wk) - coordinates a weekly summer cultural program for youth and provides logistical support for a 4-day outdoor theatre production. No particular field of study is mandatory but preference will be given to candidates who have experience with youth program coordination and an interest in arts, heritage, the environment and theatre.

The duration of employment is 8 - 16 weeks, pending funding and could begin as early as May 19. Candidates must be planning to return to school in September. Wage is \$9 - \$9.50/hour for 30 - 35 hours/week, including Saturdays. For detailed job descriptions, please go to www.mindenculturalcentre.com

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Director, Minden Hills Cultural Centre

Box 648, Minden, ON K0M 2K0

Application deadline: 12:00 Noon, April 14, 2009

NOTICE OF A SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

The Township of Minden Hills will be holding a Special Council Meeting on Thursday, April 9th, 2009 in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building, 7 Milne Street, Minden, following the Committee of the Whole/General Committee Meeting (9:00 a.m. start). The purpose of the meeting is to consider a Temporary Use By-law proposed for Pt Lot 4, Concession A, Minden (LIMBERLOST)

Cheryl McCarroll, AMCT, Clerk

Curlers bring home first provincial medal

by JENN WATT
Times Staff

The Haliburton Highlands Secondary School boys curling team won a bitter-sweet bronze medal at the Ontario finals last week, beating Etobicoke for third, but giving up the prospect of silver or gold to Geraldton.

The most successful Red Hawks curling team ever went into the championship with a record of 24 wins and four losses during



Second Jesse Walker of Minden lines up one of his shots at the provincial championships.

the regular season and maintained that high standard throughout the tournament.

"Our boys curled well, made great connections with other players and will eventually have good feelings of their OFSAA experience. I'm sure the bronze medal will look brighter in a few days," said coach Tom Dibblee.

The team was composed of skip Connor Duhaime, Curtis Nichol (vice), Jesse Walker (second), and Owen Duhaime.

For the hard-working team accustomed to winning nearly every match they entered, including first in the Gore Provincial Schoolboy tournament, losing to Geraldton (and losing with it their chance to advance to the gold medal game) was a blow.

The game was tied in the eighth end and came down to precise shots by the skip of either team.

"Geraldton's last rock had them sitting two with an open draw for Connor to win the game. ... He threw the same line and weight but our rock stayed just a touch straighter than the last one, rubbed our own guard by less than an inch and came up short. Geraldton won that game 5-3," Dibblee said.

Geraldton moved on to the gold medal game and lost to Kitchener.

Meanwhile, the Red Hawks played Etobicoke for the bronze and came out on top.

"We eventually won that game 3-1 with Etobicoke blanking the first four ends as well as the seventh," Dibblee said.

"This chauffeur, chaperone, cheerleader and coach is mighty proud. They have represented our school, community, curling clubs beautifully!" he said.



For the first time in the high school's history, the Red Hawk curling team won a medal at the all-Ontario championships. Owen Duhaime, Jesse Walker, Curtis Nichol and Connor Duhaime won the bronze medal.



Skip Connor Duhaime faced a lot of pressure as the championships drew to an end.



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This year's theme was "That's Entertainment" and the performances drew on a number of influences from Disney movies to Broadway to Michael Jackson's *Thriller*.

The event is a fundraising for the skating club.

Top: The club's senior skaters perform an on-ice rendition of *Riverdance*.

Middle: Courtney Crowe, left, and Sarah Bull invited audience members to be their guest in a number from Disney's *Beauty and the Beast*.

Bottom: Alana Bannister, bottom, and Shae MacNaull portrayed Fred and Wilma Flintstone as they skated a number to the theme song of the famous cartoon.

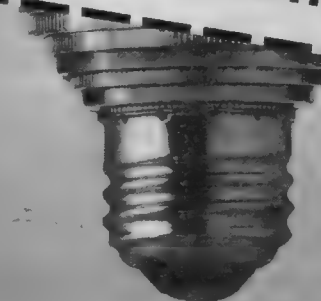
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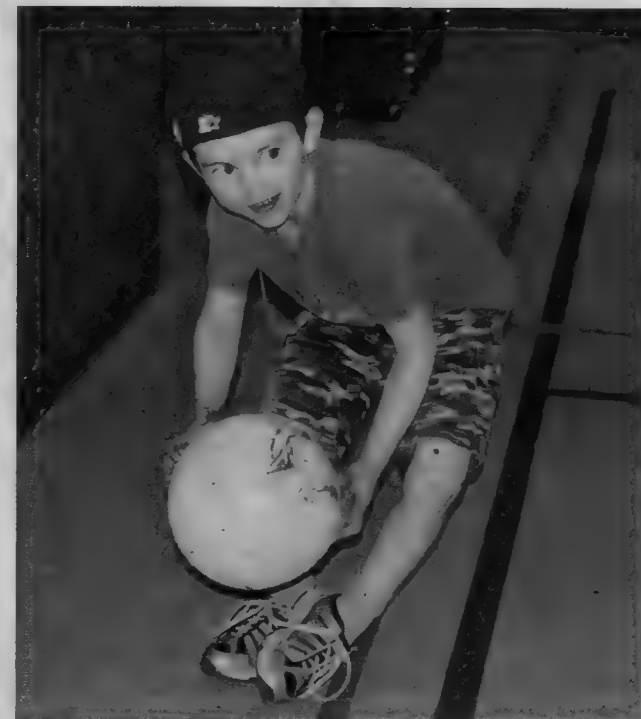
Family gym night

Left, three-year-old Zander Upton plays some scooter floor hockey during a family gym night at Archie Stouffer Elementary School on March 26. Hosted by the Township of Minden Hills, family gym nights will continue each Thursday night from 6:30 to 8 p.m. until the end of May.

Below, Brady Baldry rescues an out-of-bounds ball during a game of indoor soccer at Archie Stouffer Elementary School on March 26.



Griffen Baldry takes his best shot during a game of indoor soccer at Archie Stouffer Elementary School on March 26.



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Students more interested in studying with laptops

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

Some elementary students in the Trillium Lakelands District School Board are using laptop computers in class as part of a pilot project.

At a school board meeting last week, E-learning consultant Denise Jordan, who is overseeing the pilot program, told board members that the program is proving successful.

Jordan said the laptops have shown a capacity for increased student interest in study and, despite concerns, students are perceiving the computers as learning tools, rather

than toys.

Jordan said having a learning tool that allows students to seek out answers to their own questions allows for greater interest in school subjects.

The findings of the pilot program will be presented to the education ministry later this year, Jordan said.

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Township looks into legal rights

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on private property within Algonquin Highlands, Kuzyk said last week he is under the impression that the township cannot access his land without going through Dysart et al first.

"They can suggest to Dysart that they want to expropriate my property," he said, but added that he believes Algonquin Highlands cannot touch his trees without the consent of his own municipality.

Algonquin Highlands Reeve Eleanor Harrison believes there is a clause within the Ontario Municipal Act that allows her township access to Kuzyk's trees.

"As far as we know, it doesn't make any difference [that his property is not in the township]," Harrison said, adding she expects an update from the project's engineers at an Algonquin Highlands council meeting on April 2.

"I wouldn't call it expropriation," she continued, explaining the legal course the township can take allows it access to the problem trees, but does not give it ownership of the trees.

Harrison said she is unsure of how many trees will need to be topped to make room for the airport's new runway, but said this information could be forthcoming as soon as Thursday.

"We're just delving into it," she said.

Trees being topped may have as much as 13 metres of trunk removed.

Harrison has said the township would be willing to remove the trees completely and replace them with new, smaller trees.



Andrew Kuzyk is a pilot who owns a cottage next to the Stanhope Airport. In this photo illustration, he took an aerial photo of the current runway, which runs diagonally from left to right, and superimposed a plane landing on the proposed crosswind runway.

Harrison said there are four properties – three private and one Crown – that contain trees which must be topped.

In Kuzyk's case, he said the project's engineers told him last year there are six or seven old-growth trees on his property that must be chopped.

He said these trees are located close to his cottage and that their alteration would destroy the rustic ambience of his property.

"I go up there to get away," said Kuzyk, who operates a communications firm in Toronto.

A recreational pilot, Kuzyk said he bought his cottage for the accessibility to the airport, but said that if the expansion causes the site to become much busier and noisier than it is now, he will likely sell the spot.

Algonquin Highlands is receiving approximately \$2.5 million from the provincial and federal governments towards the construction of a 1,220-metre crosswind runway at the airport.

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1. Find the Posters
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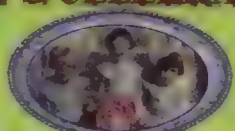
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Moose FM & Canoe FM for extensive coverage of this event.

Thank you to our Chamber Office Volunteer Debbie Everett, your
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County and U-Links partnership is win-win

COUNCIL BRIEFS

County Council

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

At a meeting on March 25, county councillors voted to enter into a partnership with U-Links, a not-for-profit organization that matches university students with businesses and organizations in the county that require research or field work to be completed.

The agreement involves no financial transaction, but is rather about developing opportunities.

County treasurer Laura Janke told councillors that having the support of the county would make it easier for U-Links to obtain funding from government grant programs.

Currently, the organization receives most of its operating

Chad Ingram/TIMES



Haliburton County Warden Dave Burton, right, presents retiring truck driver Bryan Neville with a plaque and gift in honour of his retirement last week. Neville drove trucks for the county for 35 years.

budget from Trent University.

U-Links will also be helping the county with outreach and education during the county's broadband expansion, which is currently underway.

"They will be a great resource," Janke said.

ATV tandem two-seaters allowed

ATVs with two-up, tandem seating will be permitted on the Haliburton County Rail Trail.

Tandem seating is different from side-by-side ATving, councillors wanted to make clear.

"There two different things totally," said Minden Hills Deputy-reeve Cheryl Murdoch.

While ATVs with seats side-by-side are still not allowed,

those that allow two people to sit one behind the other will now be permitted.

Dysart et al Deputy-reeve Bill Davis said he wanted to have a discussion with the City of Kawartha Lakes to see what their policy was regarding tandem ATVs on its portion of the rail trail.

The Haliburton County Rail Trail runs for 33 km from Haliburton south into the City of Kawartha Lakes.

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Pharmasave turns 60

Minden Hills Reeve Jim McMahon presented Pharmasave co-owners Richard Smith, left, and Peter Meraw with a plaque on behalf of the township earlier this week to mark the business's 60th anniversary. McMahon said the township appreciates the important work the pharmacy does and one employee said that Smith and Meraw are the best employers she's ever had.

Riverwalk project to get part of economic development fund

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

Minden Hills councillors agreed last week that they would use funds from the \$100,000 set aside in this year's budget for the development of an economic development plan for the completion of the Riverwalk project.

At least \$24,000 worth of work on the project must still be paid for.

The township's treasurer said the township will be applying for grants to pay for the completion of the project, so it is difficult to tell at this point what amount may be coming

out of the economic development fund.

Councillor Barb Reid said she thought it was because of poor fiscal planning that the township would be delving into its economic development fund to complete the Riverwalk project.

"I was surprised to see this request," Reid said.

She said she feared Riverwalk would run over budget the same way renovations for the Minden RiverKings's dressing room did last year.

"I just couldn't help but think of the dressing room," she said.

Deputy-reeve Cheryl Murdoch disagreed with Reid.

"This is what it's going to take," Murdoch said, adding

that the Riverwalk project is just the kind of infrastructure an economic development plan would strive to achieve.

Riverwalk's crowning feature, a wood-and-steel footbridge spanning the Gull River, is to be installed in May.

Total costs for the project, which has been built in installments over the past few years, are approximately \$250,000.

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As was the custom in early years here at the 1908 farmhouse, the downstairs room to the right of the front door was known as the parlour. Furnished with the family's best pieces it was then kept closed and ready for special visitors or formal occasions. In time, as owners changed, our parlour was converted into yet another bedroom apparently with a stove pipe carrying welcome warmth through the white painted tin ceiling to the unheated room above. Visiting family and friends all report a comfortable sleep there but not so for small Ben, now five.

Last week's phone call was to say that he and Dad Graeme were coming for a sleepover and please could it be in a room with no hole in the ceiling. This request was

promptly filled by Grandpa using a piece of white art board much to Ben's obvious relief. Now I just can't wait for him to notice the window cluster flies and advance party of ladybugs.

If you are contemplating starting a family tree or needing some help with one already underway plan to attend the next meeting of the Haliburton Highlands Genealogy Group on Wednesday, April 8 at the Minden Hills Cultural Centre. The back door of the common room will be open at 6 p.m. for a business and social time with the presentation starting at 7 p.m. It will begin with an online computer program nicknamed "Genealogy in Your Pajamas" showing the kinds of records that are available via the Internet followed by an opportunity for the attendees to indicate what help they would like to receive.

Then individual members of the HHGG will be available to assist with the following: beginning your research, online research, formats, how to view and photocopy micro-

film and much more. The HHGG Resource Centre will be open with county census information on microfilm and the cemetery transcriptions of Haliburton County as well as all the HHGG reference books. There is no charge and everyone is welcome. For any questions or specific requests please call Gail Leach-Wunker at 286-2225.

The Friends of the Kinmount Library will hold its book sale in the lower level of the branch on Saturday, April 15 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. This event, which takes place on the third Saturday of each month, provides a good selection of "previously read" books at bargain prices. Donations of both hard and soft cover books can be left at any time in the drop box outside the branch but please no manuals or magazines. For library hours and programs do give the branch a call at 488-3199.

Bingo fans should come along to the Kinmount Legion on Friday evenings at

6:45 p.m. This Friday, April 3 there will be a special Easter bingo with great prizes including turkeys, hams and cash.

Come hear the choir from Trinity United Church, Bobcaygeon present the Cantata "Come Touch the Robe" at Kinmount United Church this Sunday, April 5 beginning at 3 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend and a warm welcome awaits at this beautiful historic church, built in 1867, set high up on the hill at 15 Cluxton Street, Kinmount. For more information please call Rosemary at 488-2129 or here at 488-2938.

By the time this copy hits the newsstand the official start of Kinmount's sesquicentennial celebrations will have taken place earlier in the day at the post office. Watch for further events in your copy of the *Kinmount Gazette* soon to be published every second week through to Thanksgiving and also on the upcoming Kinmount website. In the meantime have a great week.

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NOTICE OF STUDY COMMENCEMENT

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The project is being planned as a Schedule B undertaking following the requirements of the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment process.

For further information on this project, please contact Mr. B. King, Project Manager, at the address noted below.

Public input and comments are invited for incorporation into the planning and design of this project. Subject to comments received and the receipt of necessary approvals, the County of Haliburton intends to proceed with the planning, design and construction of this project, to be completed in the Fall of 2009.

This Notice Initially Issued March 31, 2009.

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COUNTY OF HALIBURTON LAND DIVISION COMMITTEE

NOTICE OF APPLICATIONS FOR CONSENT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 53(5)(a) of the *Planning Act* and Section 3, O.Reg. 197/96, as amended, that the following Applications for Consent have been submitted to the Haliburton County Land Division Committee, the consent granting authority in these matters.

AND FURTHER THAT at its meeting to be held **Monday April 20, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.** in the Administration Building, County of Haliburton Office, 11 Newcastle Street, Minden, Ontario, these Applications for Consent will be heard by the Land Division Committee:

1. File No. H-023/08
Applicant: CHANDLER POINT MANAGEMENT INC.
Location of the Property: Pt. Lot 31, Concessions 3 & 4, Geographic Township of Minden
Nature of the Application: New Lot
2. File No. H-008/09
Applicant: 1447233 ONTARIO INC.
Location of the Property: Pt. Lot 3, Concession A, Geographic Township of Anson
Nature of the Application: New Lot

Additional information regarding any of the above-noted applications is available for public inspection at the Land Division Office by appointment during regular business hours, Monday to Friday, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

If a person or public body that files an appeal of a decision of the Land Division Committee in respect of the proposed consent does not make written submissions to the Land Division Committee before it gives or refuses to give a provisional consent, the Ontario Municipal Board may dismiss the appeal.

If you wish to be notified of the decision of the Land Division Committee in respect of the proposed consent, you must make a written request to the undersigned.

Dated at the Township of Minden Hills this 1st day of April, 2009.

Jane M. Tousaw, A.M.C.T.
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Zion United brings choirs together

The first thing that popped in my mind for this column was sending out a huge thank you to all those who came out to our Blooms & Brunch at the Red Umbrella Inn on Sunday. It was a first for us and we were very pleased with the turn out. As



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I have said before, an event is only as good as the people who show up and support it. Thank you!

The Zion United Church right here in Carnarvon has some events coming up that you should know about.

Since our lives fill up with stuff fast I will give you the first three scheduled events.

We will start with this weekend coming up with Palm Sunday Communion at 9 a.m. on April 5.

Good Friday, April 10, will be celebrated with special music and readings. Both the Haliburton and Carnarvon choirs will join together for this special event starting at 9 a.m.

On April 12 there will be a sunrise service starting at 7 a.m. (that is definitely sunrise!) It is being held outdoors at the Twelve Mile Lake Church beach, then join them for a light breakfast at the Zion church followed by the 9 a.m. service celebrating "Christ is Risen."

The Zion United Church welcomes everyone to join them. After Sunday services they serve coffee, tea and goodies to munch on.

More information and dates for future events to follow!

Last Saturday was the last day for me working at Sir Sam's Ski Area. It certainly made my winter go by faster. (Yes, it's over!) It was certainly a happening place with lots of familiar faces. I learned some useful things in my days there. I able to stand at a cash register for hours on

end and not complain about my feet killing me (what a martyr!) but most important, I learned that there are many ways that money can be folded into tiny little squares, rolled into little cylinders, but the best one was the little airplane. Thanks, kids!

Their last day didn't end with a bang, it was more of a splash. Their annual Spring Splash brought in a huge crowd and the skiers didn't seem to mind the soak. Probably because it wouldn't be "cool" to run for dry clothes too quickly!

Sir Sam's will be open in July and August for many summer activities such as the scenic chairlift ride, mountain biking (with bike rentals) and Sir Sam's Arts and Crafts. There will be an Ontario Cup Downhill Race August 15 and 16.

They're also planning a grand opening weekend June 27 and 28.

This whole winter I wanted to get up on the quad chairlift and see the sights but I think summer will be an excellent experience seeing the Eagle and Moose Lakes in their panoramic splendor! Check out www.sirsams.com.



Gail and Michael Holness discover the Eggs Benedict during the the gourmet buffet at Red Umbrella Inn.



Friends Debbie Saunders of Bowmanville and Diane May of Toronto get an early start on deciding what to put in this year's garden. /Photos by Martha Perkins



Blooms and Brunch patrons are given a warm welcome.



Canadian Mental Health Association Peterborough Branch

CMHA-Peterborough is a non-profit community based organization that provides support services for people who live with mental illness or a dual diagnosis. Services include case management, assessment and intake, crisis intervention, employment support, public education, advocacy, supportive housing, peer support, early psychosis intervention, court support and more. Some programs serve Peterborough City and County, while others also include the regions of Haliburton, City of Kawartha Lakes and Northumberland.

We are seeking applications for the following positions:

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4 County Crisis program
1 Regular Full-time with benefits and 1 Contract Part-time

Please visit our website for more details.

<http://www.peterborough.cmha.on.ca/jobs.htm>

Deadline for Applications:

Tuesday, April 7th, 2009

Please reference the specific posting # in your cover letter.

We thank all applicants for their interest, however, only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

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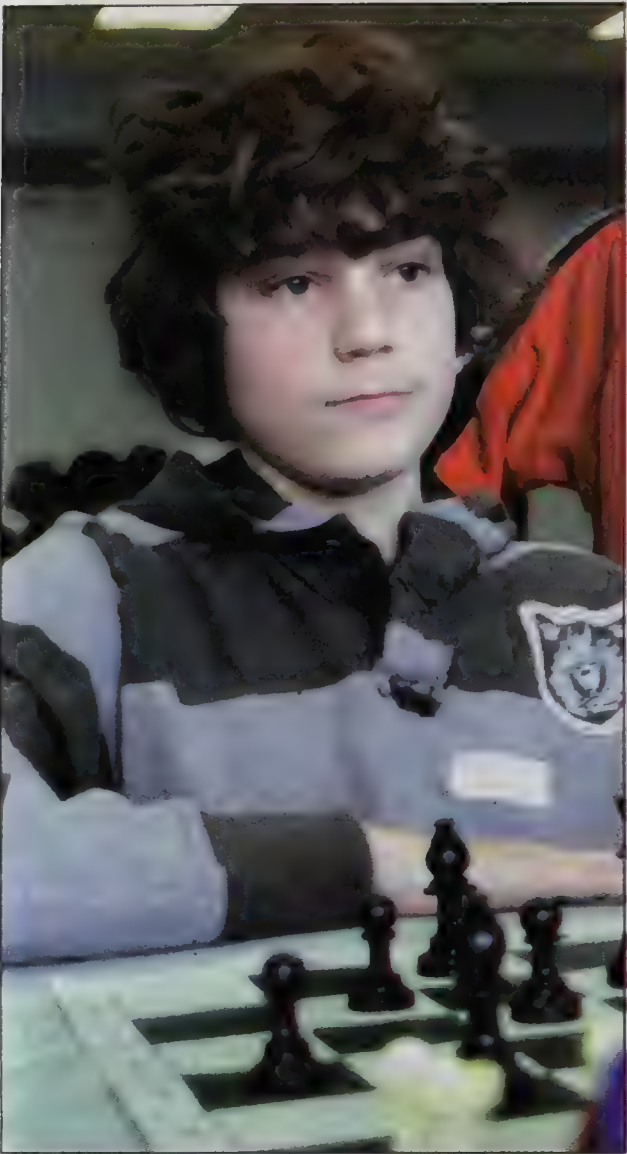
Excellent organizational and communication skills
20 hours a week Monday to Friday, office located on 5 Bobcaygeon Rd. at the Carriage Square in Minden.

Registered applicant with Jobs Connect an asset.

Interested applicants should submit a resume and cover letter by April 13, 2009.

Only those applicants selected for an interview will be contacted.

Email: admin@hhchamber.on.ca - Fax: 705-286-6017



Kings and Queens

At Friday's district chess championships in Haliburton, Zach Cox, a Grade 8 student at Archie Stouffer Elementary School, keeps a poker face as he wonders what his opponent will do. Since Grade 4 ASES student Alyssa Oxley, above, was winning her game, she was all smiles. ASES came fourth in team standings and Liam McAllister, Eugene Cho, Chris Thompson and Emily Shapiera of ASES advance to the provincial level. /Photos Martha Perkins

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Truck goes through ice

Using an underwater camera lowered through a hole in the ice, Gull Lake cottager George Czerwinski took this photo of a truck that sank in 25 feet of water. He says two men had gone onto the lake in the truck to go ice fishing. Most of the ice at that time was 12 to 14 inches thick, but it was only four to six inches deep in one part. When the truck started to sink, the two men were luckily able to get out. He says they were able to walk to shore for help. Once the ice melts, some way of getting the truck out of the lake must be found.

Computer program comes to an end

The Dorset Book Club will be meeting at the Dorset Library on Wednesday, April 1 from 1 to 2 p.m. to discuss your choice of non-fiction. All are welcome.

For more information, give Ruth or Sandy a call at 705-766-9969.

Wednesday, April 1 is the last day for Sarah Parniak as the Dorset CAP

site youth worker. Sarah started back in November and has helped lots of people with their computer skills. Thank you Sarah! And good luck in your future endeavours!

St. Mary Magdalene Anglican Church will be hosting a Seder Supper on Thursday, April 9 at the Dorset Recreation Centre. This supper, traditionally hosted the first or second night of the Jewish celebration of Passover, is filled with symbols representing various aspects of the Israelite exodus from Egypt. The cost is \$9 and you must call Pat if you plan on attending at 705-766-2373.

The Dorset Recreation Centre will be

closed on Good Friday, open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, April 11 and closed Easter Monday. The staff at the Recreation Centre wishes everyone a healthy, happy and safe Easter!

Good Friday services at St. Mary Magdalene Anglican Church take place on Friday, April 10 at 3 p.m. Easter Service

will be on Sunday, April 12 at 11 a.m.

There will be a Dorset Snowball wrap-up and thank you party on Thursday, April 16 at the Dorset Recreation Centre for everyone who helped at this year's Snowball. If you are planning on attending, please call the recreation centre by April 10 so organizers can ensure there is enough food for everyone! Call 705-766-9968.

Special birthday wishes for the week of March 29 to April 4 go out to Cole Greenaway, Emily Shortreed, Adam Jones, Evan Coombs and Karla MacKay. Celebrate and have fun on your special day!



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What's happening in Minden

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• **April 1: Spring Basketball** – Every Wednesday night at the Haliburton Highschool, starting April 1st and running until May 27th, from 6-7 p.m. Grades 5/6 and Grades 7/8. For more information 455-9974.

• **April 4: MapleFest** – All you can eat pancake/sausage brunch and bake sale from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. at the Lochlin United Church, Lochlin Rd, off Gelert Rd (County Rd !). The best deal in town! Real Haliburton Maple Syrup of course!

• **April 5: S.E.A.L Meeting** – 2 p.m. Bobcaygeon Municipal Centre Ken Hancherow speaking on exciting breakthroughs in alternative energies. All welcomed, Sustainable Ecological Alternatives for Living, www.sealweb.org

• **April 18: Haliburton County Fair presents Family Spaghetti Supper** – Come and Join us at the Minden Arena, meet and greet is at 5pm, Dinner is at 6pm. Entertainment by Gord Kidds Band. Cost is \$10 per adult, children 6 years and under are Free. Come out and support this Community Event sponsored by Minden Agricultural Centre.

• **April 21: Figure Out Food Labels Tour, Minden IGA (Hwy 35) 10:30**

a.m. - A Registered Dietitian with the Health Unit will help participants learn to read food labels and understand product claims. Take-home material provided. Free Pre-register by calling (705) 457-1391, ext. 245.

• **April 23: OFigure Out Food Labels Tour, Foodland Haliburton (188 Highland St) 5:30 p.m.** - A Registered Dietitian with the Health Unit will help participants learn to read food labels and understand product claims. Take-home material provided. Free Pre-register by calling (705) 457-1391, ext. 245.

RELAY for LIFE: Sign up your team now! Haliburton High School, Friday June 12, 2009. Contact Wendy Iles 457-3517, wendy-iles@hotmail.com

Look in the Coming Events page or the Highlands Weekender for all of the upcoming Church Events

Events listings are provided FREE for non-profit groups on a space-available basis. While we endeavour to accommodate requests for publication, we cannot guarantee that all requests for listings will appear. Requests should be faxed to The Minden Times at 286-4768, emailed to editor@mindentimes.ca, or brought in to the office. Please submit events by the Thursday prior to the requested publication date. NOTE: This calendar is not a comprehensive listing of all events taking place in the area. Please check the classified pages, display advertising and articles appearing elsewhere in The Times for more information on events in the Highlands.

Palm Sunday service at St. Paul's welcomes musicians

St. Paul's Anglican Church in Minden is delighted to announce that it will welcome back two special musicians for services in April.

Tenor Tom Agnew and bass Martin Elliott will join the choir to provide music for the Palm Sunday service at 11:15 a.m. on April 5. With the choir they will present *Prepare the way, O Zion*, arranged by Healey Willan, and two portions of John Stainer's *The Crucifixion*.

Martin will sing the bass recitative *And as Moses lifted up the serpent*, which will be followed by the well-loved

chorus *God so loved the world*. Tom and Martin will also join organist and choir director Elaine Bell in *Agnus Dei*, and a cappella trio by Giacomo Carissimi.

At the Good Friday service on April 10 at 10 a.m., Martin Elliott will sing *Come ponder, O my soul* from Bach's St. John Passion, and at the service on Easter Day, April 12, at 11:15 a.m., he will sing *The Call from Five Mystical Songs* by Ralph Vaughan Williams.

Tom Agnew and Martin Elliott are both from the U.K. and have extensive cathedral-based training and experience. Elliott currently teaches singing in the south of England, and performs as a soloist around the world. He is

no stranger to Haliburton County, having adjudicated the vocal section of the Haliburton Highlands Music Festival in 2003, and having tutored singers in the county while visiting several times since then.

As these are church services at St. Paul's, there will be no admission charge, but an offering will be taken.

St. Paul's Church is on Invergordon Avenue in Minden, on the north side of the Gull River, opposite The Beer Store.

For more information call St. Paul's Church at 286-2541 or Elaine Bell at 457-9422.

The Highlands Festival Singers

Celebrate the Crooners

Sat., May 2, 7:30 pm, Sun., May 3, 2:30 pm

Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavillion

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Minden Curling Club is Celebrating its 60th Anniversary this Year!

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Join us at 2:00 p.m. every Saturday
and Sunday for Taffy-on-Snow at
Sourdough Sam's Cabin (while snow lasts)

Call 286-3202 for more information
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Zion United Church - Carnarvon "Your Community Church"

April 5 - 9am Palm Sunday - Communion

April 10 - 9am Good Friday

- Gifts of the Cross

(Combined Haliburton and Carnarvon Choirs)

April 12 - 7am Sunrise Service

- 12 Mile Church Beach

(Join us for light breakfast at Zion)

April 12 - 9am Celebrating "Christ is Risen"

April 22 - 2-4pm Earth Day

- Friendship Tea (Wear your favourite hat)

April 19 - 10am - Earth Sunday

- All Churches joining us

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April 26 - 9am

- Emergency Services Appreciation Sunday

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HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Palm Sunday, April 5

Sunday Services

Maundy Thursday, April 9

Service 7:30 p.m. Minden United Church

Good Friday, April 10

Choral Good Friday Service

(Combined Choirs of Zion and Haliburton United Churches)

9 a.m. Zion United Church, Carnarvon

11:15 a.m. Haliburton United Church

Easter Sunday, April 12

Sunrise Service - 7:00 a.m. at 12 Mile Lake beach

followed by a light breakfast at Zion United Church

after the Sunrise Service. Easter worship services at regular times.

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"Jesus... to be continued"

Good Friday Service:

Friday, April 10, 10 am to 11 am

at the Minden Hills Community Center,

Anson Room

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Easter Sunday Service:

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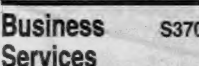
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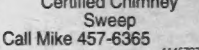
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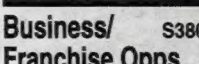
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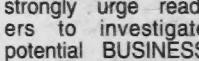
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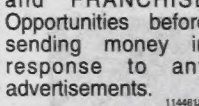
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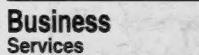
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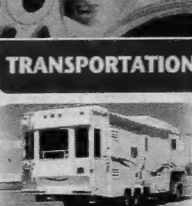
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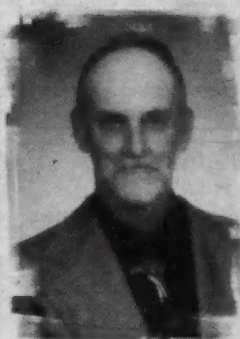
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Deaths

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Douglas 'Doug' Winterburn

(Resident of Kinmount, formerly of Norland, Ontario)

Peacefully at Peterborough Regional Health Centre on Thursday morning, January 8, 2009 in his 61st year. Beloved husband of Shannon (Sha) Winterburn. Loving father of Kevin (Dorothy), Chad (Kelly) and Tara. Fondly remembered by his six grandchildren Hayley, Owen, Morgan, Ryah, Mathew, and Kaleb. Dear brother of Gordon (Denise) and Mina (Jim). Predeceased by his brothers Earl and Morris and his sister Shirley. Also lovingly remembered by many nieces and nephews. Predeceased by his parents William & Luella Winterburn.

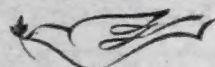
Celebration Of Life

Friends may call at the family residence 4982 Monck Rd, Kinmount on Saturday, April 4, 2009 from 2-5 p.m. for a Celebration of Doug's life. As expressions of sympathy donations to the Canadian Cancer Society would be appreciated by the family. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the **COBOCONK COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME** 6644 Hwy. #35, Coboconk, Ontario.

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(February 25, 1955-March 27, 2009)

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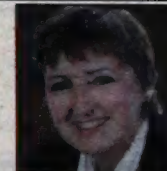
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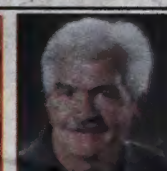

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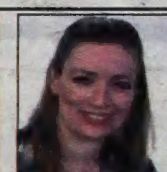
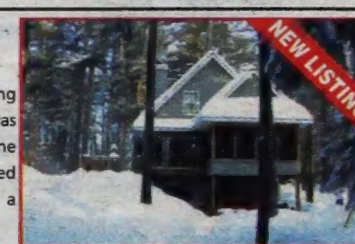
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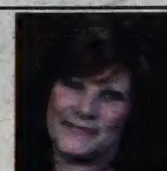

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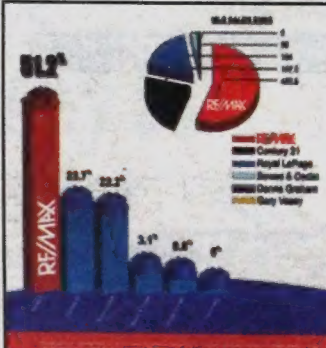
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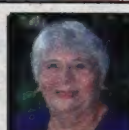
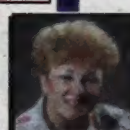


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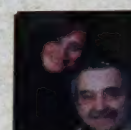
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